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FOR MATLOCK FROM SHINN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. THE PRESS OFFICE HAS MADE RAY SMITH'S PHOTOGRAPH AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS.
2. THE ATOMIC INDUSTRIAL FORUM HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR ATOMIC ENERGY TO ORGANIZE A TOUR OF SOVIET NUCLEAR FACILITIES BY AMERICAN JOURNALISTS. REPORT-EDLY THEIR TRAVEL AGENT (RUSSIAN TRAVEL BUREAU) SPOKE AT SOME POINT IN MOSCOW WITH ALLEN GREENBERG. SINCE AIF COULD FIND NO TELEX NUMBER FOR THE STATE COMMITTEE, THEY HAVE SENT A MESSAGE ON ARRANGEMENTS VIA THE COMMERCIAL OFFICE FACILITY. FURTHER BACKGROUND BEING POUCHED, ATTN. GREENBERG. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WISH THAT FUTURE COMMUNICA-TIONS INVOLVING THIS GROUP BE HANDLED IN ANY PARTICULAR WAY.

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3. CAN THE EMBASSY OBTAIN FROM MFA AND CABLE TEXT OF AN OFFICIAL VERSION (AS OPPOSED TO THE VERSION REPORTED IN THE PRESS) OF THE SOVIET STATEMENT UPON THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO? EMBASSY MEXICO IS APPARENTLY EXPER- IENCING DELAYS IN OBTAINING FROM THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT COPIES OF THE FORMAL STATEMENT; MEANWHILE, AN OFFICIAL VER-

SION MAY BE REQUIRED VERY SOON FOR UPCOMING HEARINGS ON THE HILL. HAS THE SUPREME SOVIET PRESIDUM RATIFIED TLATELOLCO?

4. WOULD EMBASSY HAVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON VALERIY PETYUKHOV, THE SOVIET WHO GAVE BOB TOTH THE INFORMATION THAT PRECIPITATED HIS ARREST? OUR FILES HAVE CONFLICTING, UNSUBSTANTIATED NEWS REPORTS THAT PETYUKHOV WAS ARRESTED, BUT PERHAPS LATER COMMENDED AND PROMOTED. THE QUESTION ARISES BECAUSE AN HEW EXCHANGE (PETROCIANNI) WAS BE-FRIENDED BY PETYUKHOV WHILE AT THE TERRASSEVICH INSTITUTE NEAR MOSCOW IN 1976. PETROCIANNI IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN FOR TWO AND ONE-HALF WEEKS, ARRIVING AUGUST 11, AND WE ARE CONSIDERING HOW TO HANDLE IT IN LIGHT OF THE PAST ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE TWO.

5. AS YOU ARE PROBABLY AWARE, THERE IS A RUMOR CIRCULATING IN ISRAEL AND THE U.S. THAT THE SOVIETS ARE LETTING OUT EDWARD KUZNETSOV (REF MOSCOW 3755).

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